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15 June 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Notes for IAC Meeting of 16 June 1950

1. Copies of the recent Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Atomic Energy Intelligence dated 9 June 1950 were sent to all of you on 13 June so that you could have a more up-to-date report than the Comprehensive Review forwarded with my memo of 10 April 1950.

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2. [] OGI/CIA, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, is here to summarize the Committee's activities and conclusions if you wish.

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a. With regard to covert collection activities, [] Assistant Director/CO, is also present.

b. With regard to overt collection abroad, Mr. Armstrong, General Cabell (and General Bolling) have just returned from overseas.

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c. [] is represented here by Major General Nelson.

d. Rear Admiral Stone, of USN, is also present.

e. Admiral Stevens, of the JCS staff, is present.

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3. (After [] presentation and any questions the IAC members care to ask) Do the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee have any suggestions or advice about overcoming defects in the present intelligence framework as they affect Atomic Energy Intelligence?

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1. I suggest that the Director of Central Intelligence could take the following actions:

a. With respect to ASFA:

(1) Make representations to the Secretary of Defense and others, as required, to increase personnel ceilings for ASFA processing activities.

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(3) Attempt, with the Director of ASFA, to initiate steps for immediately expanding the attack on the more difficult problems.

b. With respect to 25X1A

(1) Make final representations to the NSC to establish, in connection with the production and weapon development effort, a research group which will be continuously engaged in seeking long-range detection methods and techniques.

c. With respect to covert activities:

(1) Establish a priority determining mechanism in which one man can make decisions with respect to the priorities for covert activities. Such an individual will seek the advice of interested agencies, but must make his own final determination.

d. With respect to general items:

(1) Recommend to the NSC a high priority in all activities concerned with Atomic Energy Intelligence

(2) Furnish technical guidance and support for collection activities.

(3) Try to establish more positive co-operation and closer ties between technical analysts and field collection activities.

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